(2) THE MADRAS PLANTATIONS AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 16 OF 1958).

MR. SPEAKER : Now, the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker will present the report of the Select Committee on the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Speaker, I do not know why you have lengthened my name. (Laughter.) But, that apart, I present the report of the Select Committee on the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill[a] 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1958).

(3) THE MADRAS CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 10 OF 1958).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, I present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Children (Amendment) Bill[b], 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1958).

VII.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER : Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, I wish to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee which met this morning considered the hours of sitting and decided that from tomorrow, 4th September 1958, the House will sit from 9-00 a.m. to 1-30 p.m., that is, for 4½ hours every day, and to have a sitting on an afternoon also every week to make up the deficiency of half-hour every day. The Committee has also decided that the following items of business may be taken up on the dates mentioned against them.

3rd September (Wednesday) 1958.	Official Bills. (i) The Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Bill, 1958. (ii) The Madras City Improvement Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1958.
4th September (Thursday) 1958.	Non-official business.
5th September (Friday) 1958.	The Madras Children (Amendment) Bill, 1958, as amended by the Joint Select Committee.
6th and 7th September 1958.	Holidays.
8th September (Monday) 1958. 9th September (Tuesday) 1958.	(i) The Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958. (ii) The Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958. (iii) The Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1958.
10th September (Wednesday) 1958.	Food Debate.

a Printed as Appendix II on pages 84–109 infra.

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11th September 1958 (Thursday).	Non-official Business.
12th September 1958 (Friday).	The Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation and Conditions of Work) Bill, 1958.
13th September 1958 (Saturday).	(i) Presentation of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1958-59, and Demands for grants for Excess Expenditure in 1955-56. (ii) The Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Bill, 1958—*cont.*
14th to 16th September 1958.	Adjournment.
17th September 1958 (Wednesday).	(i) General discussion on the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1958-59, and Demands for grants for Excess Expenditure in 1955-56. (ii) The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958, as amended by the Select Committee.
18th September 1958 (Thursday).	The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958—*cont.*
19th September 1958 (Friday).	(i) Voting on Supplementary Demands for grants for 1958-59, and Demands for grants for Excess Expenditure in 1955-56. (ii) Introduction of Appropriation Bills for the above two items. (iii) The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958—*cont.*
20th September 1958 (Saturday).	(i) Consideration and passing of the Appropriation Bills. (ii) The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958—*cont.*
21st September 1958 (Sunday).	Holiday.
22nd September 1958 (Monday).	(i) The Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958. (ii) The Madras Public Health (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

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23rd September (Tuesday) and 24th September (Wednesday) 1958.	The Madras Panchayats Bill, 1958.
25th September 1958 (Thursday).	Non-official business.
26th September 1958 (Friday).	Holiday.
27th September 1958 (Saturday).	The Madras Panchayats Bill, 1958 —*cont.*
28th September 1958 (Sunday).	Holiday.
29th September 1958 (Monday) and 30th September 1958 (Tuesday).	Budget of the State Electricity Board.

This is the provisional programme which is subject to modification if and when it becomes necessary. For the present, these are the decisions taken at the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held to-day.

SRI M. D. RAMASAMY : Sir, may I know whether the programme will be circulated to all the Members?

MR. SPEAKER : Yes. It will be circulated to all the Members. I have only given advance notice of the programme.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(4) THE MADRAS INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS) BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Bill[a], 1958, and move—

"That the Bill be taken into consideration."

There is no provision in any of the existing labour enactments for the grant of holidays to employees in industrial establishments on important National and festival days. In regard to National holidays, the Government have been issuing appeals to the employers to declare Republic Day and Independence Day as paid holidays for workers. The number of festival holidays that are granted to the workers in a year vary from concern to concern. In 1957, the Textile Mill-owners and Labour at Coimbatore, at the instance of the Government, came to an agreement to grant paid holidays to the workers on Republic and Independence Days and also on five festivals during a year. Recently, specific provisions are being incorporated in enactments intended for particular industries and establishments, such as Catering Establishments and Beedi industry.

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